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Amendments to the Claims

A detailed list of all claims under examination is set out below. Please amend claim 28 as shown below in marked form and add new claims 36-41 as shown below:

- (withdrawn): A coated substrate comprising a strippable intermediate coating atop the substrate and a strip agent-permeable waterborne overcoat adhered to the intermediate coating, wherein the dried overcoat is less strippable and more wear-resistant than the dried intermediate coating.
- 2. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a
- (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 2, wherein the substrate comprises a resilient flooring material.
- (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 3, wherein the substrate comprises a vinyl or vinyl composite tile.
- (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a
 wall, ceiling, label, emblem, sign or vehicle.
- 6. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating comprises a metal-catalyzed acrylic.
- 7. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened coating in all areas, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.

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- 8. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a thickness of about 2.5 to about 75 micrometers.
- 9. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises an emulsion, suspension or dispersion.
- 10. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat is radiation curable.
- 11. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat is UV-curable.
- 12. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises an acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane.
- 13. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 12, wherein the overcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.
- 14. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 12, wherein the overcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.
- 15. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat is not metal crosslinked.
- 16. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the dried overcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the overcoat and the onset of stripping, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 30 minute standing time.
- 17. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the dried overcoat has a thickness of about 2.5 to about 75 micrometers.

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- 18. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the overcoat comprises two or more different layers of materials.
- 19. (withdrawn): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a floor and the overcoat is UV curable.
- 20. (withdrawn): A strippable laminate finish kit, comprising one or more containers of a strippable intermediate coating and a strip agent-permeable waterborne overcoat, wherein the dried overcoat adheres to the intermediate coating and is less strippable and more wear resistant than the dried intermediate coating.
- 21. (withdrawn): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, further comprising a strip agent.
- 22. (withdrawn): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises a one-part photopolymerizable material.
- 23. (withdrawn): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises a UV curable material.
- 24. (withdrawn): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises an acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane.
- 25. (withdrawn): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.
- 26. (withdrawn): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein the overcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.

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- 27. (withdrawn): A strippable laminate finish kit according to claim 20, wherein:
 - a) the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened coating in all areas, and
 - b) the overcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the overcoat and the onset of stripping, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.
- 28. (currently amended): A method for applying a <u>renewable</u> finish to a substrate <u>floor</u>, comprising:
 - a) applying to the substrate floor a strippable intermediate coating;
 - b) drying the intermediate coating until it is dry to the touch; and
 - c) applying a strip agent-permeable waterborne overcoat to the <u>dried</u> intermediate coating and drying or otherwise hardening the overcoat; wherein the dried <u>or otherwise hardened</u> overcoat adheres to the <u>dried</u> intermediate coating and is less strippable and more wear resistant than the <u>dried</u> intermediate coating.
- 29. (original): A method according to claim 28, wherein the overcoat comprises an emulsion, suspension or dispersion.
- 30. (original): A method according to claim 28, wherein the overcoat comprises an acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane.
- 31. (original): A method according to claim 28, wherein the overcoat is UV curable.
- 32. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the overcoat is applied in two or more coats each of which is UV cured before application of any further coat.

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- 33. (original): A method for removing a multilayer finish, comprising:
 - a) applying a strip agent to a dried waterborne radiation cured overcoat adhered to a dried intermediate layer atop a substrate;
 - allowing the strip agent to permeate through the overcoat to attack the intermediate layer; and
 - c) removing the intermediate layer and overcoat without removing substantial portions of the underlying substrate.
- 34. (previously presented): A method according to claim 33, wherein permeation of the strip agent through the overcoat is enhanced by mechanically roughening the overcoat prior to applying the strip agent.
- 35. (original): A method according to claim 33, wherein removal of the intermediate layer and overcoat occurs in less than 10 minutes after application of the strip agent.
- 36. (new): A method according to claim 28, wherein the floor comprises resilient flooring material.
- 37. (new): A method according to claim 28, wherein the floor comprises vinyl flooring or vinyl composite tiles.
- 38. (new): A method according to claim 28, comprising applying the intermediate coating and overcoat using a mop.
- 39. (new): A method according to claim 33, wherein the substrate comprises a floor.
- 40. (new): A method according to claim 39, wherein the floor comprises resilient flooring material.
- 41. (new): A method according to claim 39, wherein the floor comprises vinyl flooring or vinyl composite tiles.